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November 3, 2011

Michael Machado, Executive Director
Delta Protection Commission
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Dear Mr. Machado:

Thank you for your application for assistance from the National Park Service (NPS), Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program. We are pleased to inform you that we have selected Great California Delta Trail as one of 24 projects that will receive community assistance in 2012. We are excited to be able to collaborate with you in support of this community based initiative.

Assistance from the NPS, Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program will be provided during the 2012 federal fiscal year, which ends September 30, 2012. Each RTCA staff member manages three to six projects concurrently throughout the year and the scope of our assistance varies project by project based on your application, project needs, and NPS expertise.

We encourage you and your partners to use the value of our technical assistance to leverage additional project resources and as a match for non-federal grants. As you may already know, your NPS contact is Suzanne Brinkley who can be reached at 415/623-2332.

Award Requirements

As an important component of our working relationship, we ask the following of you and your project partners during our work together:

- o Jointly participate in the development of an annual work plan that identifies specific roles and tasks for project partners, public involvement, and RTCA assistance;
- o Commit significant time and resources (financial, in-kind, overhead, etc.), along with other project partners, to match our assistance;
- o Acknowledge and credit NPS assistance in press releases, promotional materials, maps, and publications such as newsletters, surveys, brochures, and final concept plans;
- o Provide copies of print and digital products and media news to RTCA staff including any final concept plan or other project products;



- o Complete a Project Close-Out Report at the end of NPS assistance (enclosed).

Continued Assistance

RTCA recognizes that broad-based, community-driven planning projects that involve significant public outreach take time. If the project goals and outcomes are not realized this fiscal year, you may request a second year of NPS assistance by submitting a Continuing Project Application by August 1, 2012. RTCA does not typically provide assistance beyond two years.

Measuring Success

Each year, on average, our partners across the country create over 1400 miles of trails, conserve more than 63,000 acres of open space, and protect more than 700 miles of rivers. Congress measures our program's success by looking at the tangible, on-the-ground results (miles and acres) our partners have achieved 5 years after we complete our technical assistance. Keeping an on-going record of your project successes will help all of us report good results, especially as there are often changes in staff over time.

We would like to move ahead and work with you over the next few months to develop a work plan that outlines RTCA and project partner goals, roles and responsibilities, as well as expected time commitments. This work plan, collaboratively developed, is an important tool as it defines the guiding framework or "informal agreement" between the cooperator and the NPS, RTCA Program.

We look forward to a successful year of collaboration with you and your project partners. Please feel free to contact me anytime at 415/623-2320 to discuss any issues or concerns you might have regarding NPS assistance. Thank you for your interest in the National Park Service.

Sincerely,



Barbara Rice
Program Manager, RTCA, Pacific West Region

Suzanne Brinkley, RTCA Program, Pacific West Region

Enclosure - Project close out report



FY2012 RTCA Project Close-Out Report

Please respond briefly to the questions below.

GENERAL INFO.....

Date:

Project Name:

Primary Project Partner:

Estimated Project Area

- ☐ Trail Miles
- ☐ River Miles
- ☐ Park, Habitat & Open Space Acres

Recommended follow-up roles or tasks for project partners:

Total dollars leveraged to date and sources of funds:

COMMUNITY IMPACTS.....

Economic Impacts

- Was a new business created in/or re-located to your project area?
- Was an existing business enhanced?
- Was tourism increased?
- Was there a reduction in public costs (i.e.: flood damage reduction, health care, etc.)?
- Was there a change in property values?
- Other or optional explanation of above

Quality of Life Changes

- Was there increased community interaction, socialization, pride?
- Was health and wellness improved?
- Other or optional explanation of above

Public Use, Enjoyment and Safety

- Has outdoor recreation use increased?
- Was the safety of users enhanced?
- Was the safety of community/neighborhoods enhanced?
- Other or optional explanation of above
- ☐ Total number of users (annual estimate)

Other Resource Enhancements/Benefits

- Were cultural features (i.e.: historic structures/places) preserved or connected?
- Were environmental conditions (i.e.: habitat, air or water quality) improved?
- Other or optional explanation of above

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY.....

Which of the following attributes apply to your organization:

- Clear purpose
- Effective leadership and structure
- Strategic planning
- Effective public participation
- Fundraising planning
- Demonstrated success(es)
- Do you think you have a sustainable organization? Please explain how/why.
- Network of tangible conservation/recreation resources and partners clearly
- Vision and goals of project have wide public acceptance
- Key local individuals are actively pursuing project goals and actions
- Partnerships are in place to achieve project success
- Community leaders and agencies support project implementation
- Political support is favorable for implementation and success
- New organizations have been formed to implement project plans
- Resources, financial and other, are being allocated toward implementation
- Reasonable timeframes have been set for implementation

TAKE-AWAYS.....

Issues

Please identify any issues of concern regarding the future achievement of anticipated outcomes of the project.

Key Lessons

Please identify any key lessons learned that will help influence future projects in your organization.

SUCSESSES: ON-THE-GROUND RESULTS.....

We will check back with you in five years to record successful trail and conservation statistics in a Report to Congress. If you have early successes to report from the past two years, please enter your numbers below.

Actual miles and acres conserved should be reported on the first line. The subcategories below the first line help define the total miles and acres; there may be some duplication of numbers in these subcategories.

—	TOTAL RIVER MILES	—	TOTAL TRAIL MILES	—	TOTAL PARK ACRES
—	Instream Improvements (miles)	—	Trail Built (miles)	—	Park land Improved (acres)
—	Nearstream Improvements (miles)	—	Trail Corridor Acquired (acres)	—	Accessibility Enhanced (acres)
—	Recreation Improvements (miles or acres)	—	Trail Corridor Improved	—	Park land Conserved
—	Corridor Conserved (acres)	—	Trail Corridor Enhanced	—	Other
		—	Trail Corridor Designated		